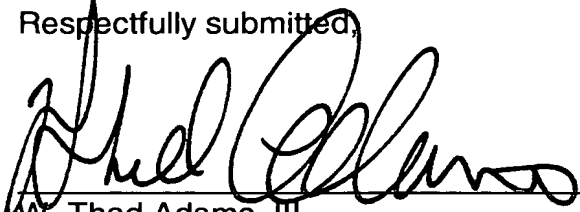


REMARKS

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance: Such action at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Thad Adams, III', written over a horizontal line.

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